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by Marvin McLwain
Editor

During the Farm-City Week Banquet on Thursday, November 19, several individuals were recognized for their outstanding achievements. Pictured above are a few of the award winners. They are as follows:

TOP ROW (l-r) - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lamar Senn of the Jack Community. They were recognized by Southland as their Top Broiler Producer for 1992. Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Walls and Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Walls were presented with the Farm of Distinction Award. Their farm is located west of Enterprise on U. S. Highway 84. Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Henderson were named Co-nag's Top Broiler Producer for 1992.

SECOND ROW (l-r) - Mr. & Mrs. Mike Hines are Coffee County's Outstanding Peanut Producer for 1992. Their 431 acres produced an average yield of 3137 pounds per acre. The farm is located in Clintonville. Gibbs McCormick, Sr. was named the 1992 Coffee County Farm-City Week Businessman of the Year. McCormick owns and operates Propane Gas & Appliance Company with headquarters in New Brockton. Kenneth Grantham (left) was recognized by Coffee County Extension Agent Dan Presley for his outstanding leadership as chairman of this year's Farm-City Week Committee.

BOTTOM ROW - Jim Conners, well-known humorist and entertainer, provided the entertainment for banquet. Conners combined good old fashion banjo playing & guitar picking with singing and story telling for a well-rounded evening of entertainment for all who attended the event.

The Farm-City Week Committee was well pleased with the banquet and many other events which took place during the week of celebration.

Plans have already begun for next year's Farm-City Week celebration. It should be even bigger and better than this year's event - if that's possible!

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Town of New Brockton's annual audit not necessarily good

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Reviewing the annual audit, approving bills, approving new budget, executive session and accepting resignation were the highlights of New Brockton's Town Council meeting Monday evening.

The town's auditing firm, Carpenter Bevis & Eberhart of Dothan, had

some good news for council members, but they also had some bad news.

The town received an unqualified opinion, the type, according to the auditors, that you would want to receive.

An unqualified opinion means that in the opinion of the auditors, the audit represents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position

of the Town of New Brockton as of September 30, 1992.

Council members were told by the auditors that there was some concern for the "red ink" in the general fund. In the general fund, there was a deficit of \$36,000. In the auditor's words, "this means that if we closed the doors, took everything in that was owed us and tried to pay everything we owed we would be

\$36,000 short of doing that as of Sept. 30, 1992.

The auditors said that this matter needs to be addressed because "it could hamper the town's borrowing of funds."

Things that can be done are cut expenses and/or raise revenue - taxes, garbage fees or whatever the council may consider doing. It was also suggested by the auditors that the Water and Sewer Board could possibly pay a little more overhead.

A budget with a projected revenue income of \$248,886.36 and expenditure of \$288,848.72 was approved by council members.

The police department was the highest item on the budget - \$101,322.72. Next was the administration at \$97,308.34 and third, the street department at \$74,562.80.

A 3.7 percent cost-of-living pay increase for all city employees with one or more years of service was also approved by the council.

Other action taken by the council was as follows:

***Approved the moving of the next regular town council meeting to Monday, January 11, 1993.

***Agreed to seek help for the Shriners from the Ft. Rucker Army Engineers in constructing fairgrounds on the land recently purchased east of town on U.S. Hwy. 84.

***Gave approval to assist the County Extension Service in preparation of a brochure to be handed out at Alabama Welcoming Stations.

***Granted a one-time pay increase for all city employees one week prior to Christmas. The increase will be \$50 for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

New Brockton Rescue Squad resumes operation

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

The New Brockton Rescue Squad resumed operation on Monday after being out of commission for almost two years.

Squad members answered their first call Monday afternoon soon after being licensed by the State Emergency Medical Services to resume operation.

The crew responding to the medical emergency reported that the run went off without any problems.

The squad's license was re-issued by EMS on December 1 after a more rigorous than normal inspection.

Squad members' credentials as well as equipment were checked by state officials before giving its approval for the unit to be placed in service.

Although the licenses were issued on December 1, the squad was not placed into service until Monday.

This was done because squad members held several meetings to elect officers, prepare a duty roster and to become familiar with the rescue unit and where all the equipment was stored. This was done to ensure that the squad was ready when the call for help came. They were ready!

Due to a drop in membership and the availability of trained personnel to respond to emergency calls, the

New Brockton Rescue Squad ceased operation almost two years ago.

There had been rumors of problems within the squad and unfounded stories of a pending lawsuit.

According to the squad's new Captain Ten Brown, the only reason the rescue squad ceased its operation was because of the shortage of qualified personnel.

New Brockton's Mayor Kathryn Holley, in announcing that the rescue squad was back in operation, commented that there was not and has never been a lawsuit against the

rescue squad. He will have his pad and pen ready to make note of who has been good and who has been bad. Kids watch out and have your list ready to tell the jury what you would like for him to leave at your house on Christmas Eve night as he and Rudolph and all the other reindeer pay a visit to you. Santa will have a surprise for all the good boys and girls. Come by to see the lights on the gazebo on the square.

Little Miss Christmas will get under way at 3 o'clock. We will select a new Little Miss Christmas to reign over the festivities the rest of the day. She will ride the float provided by the Chamber. All of the little girls who participated will receive a trophy and will ride the float. Our Little Miss Christmas 1991 will help us to crown our new one and she also will be riding in the parade as our outgoing Little Miss Christmas.

Our lighting ceremony will be at 5 o'clock with the lighting of the candles. Let's all be there to see our city become a glow of beauty as the lights are turned on for the first time this year.

The parade will begin at 5 o'clock. It will start at the old elementary school on the Troy Highway and take the same route as usual. We still need to know if you plan to be in the parade and have not reserved a spot in the line-up.

There will be a live nativity scene on the square after the parade. Members of the Westside Baptist Church are providing this feature. The nativity can be seen from 6 until 7 p.m.

The public is encouraged to come out and enjoy a full day of festivities.

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Elba's Christmas Festival to be full day of events

by Henrietta Grimes

Saturday, December 12, 1992 will soon be here. That is the day of our 5th Annual Christmas Festival in Elba. We are real excited about the day's events and hope that you will mark your calendar and come on down to the square and help us celebrate.

Our day will begin at 9 o'clock with the arts and crafts being set up around the square. We have around 75 different exhibitors already signed up and expect more before Saturday. This will be a good time to do some last minute Christmas shopping and we know you will be able to find something unique for that special person on your list.

We will start our live entertainment at 10 o'clock. We have a lot of local talent that will be sharing their spirit of Christmas with us during the day. Our FFA Quartet and String Band will be playing and singing for us. But you didn't know that Elba had its own "Elvis." Well we do and he and his group will be performing. Rob Hudson and Christina Carpenter will be entertaining us also. They both worked at Fiesta Texas during the summer. Rob with "Music Country Music" and Christina with "They Went Thata Way." The "Joyous Hearts" quartet from Westside Baptist Church will also be singing for us. Camie Kelley, a fourth grader and Elba Elementary School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kel-

ley, will be singing. We also have a local group of young clergies who will be logging for us.

We also have returning again this year the Geneva Rhythm Band. They are sponsored by the AARP and are a very enjoyable group every time.

The hand bell choir from First Baptist Church, directed by Mr. Gray will be performing for us from 1:30 to 2 o'clock. This will be a very inspirational group and we know you don't want to miss this special treat.

The Elba High School Marching Tiger Band will be in concert on the square in the afternoon. A special thanks to you because of your effort after being up late at the ball game and waiting to play and march in our parade. To you members and Mr. Bright we say thank you.

Our fashion show will be at 2 o'clock. I know that Ellen and Marsha at Martin's Inc. and all the other local merchants have a lot of pretty holiday wear for us to see. We are real excited about their fashions and hope that the local seamstresses will join in to show off their hand made articles.

Hot! Hot! Look who will be on the square at the gazebo. Old San-

ta himself. He will be visiting with the children. He will have his pad and pen ready to make note of who has been good and who has been bad. Kids watch out and have your list ready to tell the jury what you would like for him to leave at your house on Christmas Eve night as he and Rudolph and all the other reindeer pay a visit to you. Santa will have a surprise for all the good boys and girls. Come by to see the lights on the gazebo on the square.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITORS... Several weeks ago, several officials from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union paid a visit to Dorsey Trailers' flagship plant located in Elba. While in there, the group toured the trailer plant, visited with Dorsey management and visited with union members. This was the first visit to the facility by this group and they stated that they were very impressed by what they saw and heard. Pictured above are (l-r): George J. Kourpias, IAM International president; Roy Brooks, Jr., Local IAM Lodge #1769 president; and Edgar House, IAM general vice-president - southern territory.

**** HAPPENINGS ****

GO TIGERS GO. The Elba Tigers journey to Vernon Friday night to play Lamar County for the Class 3-A state high school football championship. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. **FOR CHARTER BUS INFORMATION and/or RESERVATIONS CALL 897-2266 or 897-2322.** The deadline is TODAY (Thursday) at 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL. Elba's 5th Annual Christmas Festival is to be held on Saturday, December 12, 1992. The festival will take place on the courthouse square in downtown Elba. There will be arts and crafts exhibited, entertainment, food, fashion show and many other activities. A Christmas Parade will begin at 5:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS KETTLE. The Salvation Army has placed a Christmas Kettle at the Big Bear in Elba for the holiday season. Elba citizens, clubs, youth organizations, church groups, etc., are being asked to assist the Salvation Army in sponsoring (working) the kettle. Since the Elba flood, many residents have shown an interest in donating their time to help this volunteer effort. Interested individuals or groups may call Jean Moore at 897-2841, Miriam Farris at 347-0881 or B. F. Garth at 347-8690.

TURKEY SHOOT. The Zion Chapel Athletic Club is sponsoring a turkey shoot on Saturday, December 12. The shoot will be held at the Zion Chapel High School beginning at 11 a.m.

New policy on CDLS begins Jan. 1, 1993

The Alabama Department of Public Safety will no longer exempt commercial drivers from road skills tests beginning Jan. 1, 1993.

The department will accept and process the grandfathering certificates only through December 31, according to Lt. J. A. Byrd, head of the Commercial Driver License Unit.

Under the new policy, all Alabama CDL applicants must take a road skills test along with a written exam.

Grandfathering forms received after Dec. 31 will be discarded.

Since testing began in October 1990, Public Safety allowed "grandfathering" of applicants with two years experience in the type vehicle for which they were applying for a license. No road skills test was required.

Approximately 90 percent of the more than 108,000 commercial drivers licensed by Public Safety were grandfathered. However, virtually all current applicants are new commercial drivers who do not have the experience to qualify for licensing without the road skills test.

Another change, effective January 1, requires CDL applicants to submit a U. S. Department of Transportation Medical Form completed in its entirety. Currently applicants submit only the Medical Examiner's Certificate and while the physician retains the long form.

Drivers exempted from the DOT medical from requirement are city, county, state and federal government employees and those who drive church vans or buses.

The State Department of Education will continue to conduct road skills test for school bus drivers. If the applicant possesses a school bus certificate and is employed by the board of education, the road skills test is not necessary at the CDL site.

Popular Renaissance painter to be featured at The Elba Public Library

Carol McCrady's guardian angel led her to the discovery of a French book (circa 1800) detailing the preparation of papyrus for ancient religious use. Once Carol's translator gave her the English recipe for papyrus preparation Carol copied the process and began growing papyrus at her studio in Enterprise, Alabama.

Self-taught, Carol is the sole artist in North America who controls her own craft from the growing, through the drying, to the painting of papyrus with sacred images as they were once produced in medieval Europe. She testifies that her work is inspired and reflects her spiritual journey.

Carol has won Best of Show numerous times in Kentucky, Georgia, Florida and Alabama and has done two personal appearances at Disney World. As Artist in Residence for three years running in Alabama, Carol is well on her way to national renown. Hailed by curators and fellow artists as a Renaissance painter in the Byzantine and Celtic styles, Carol resurrects the religious works once the exclusive prize of private museums. Her original pieces receive expert detailing for months prior to completion. As her most famous work declares, "Carol attributes her success to 'angels watching over me'."

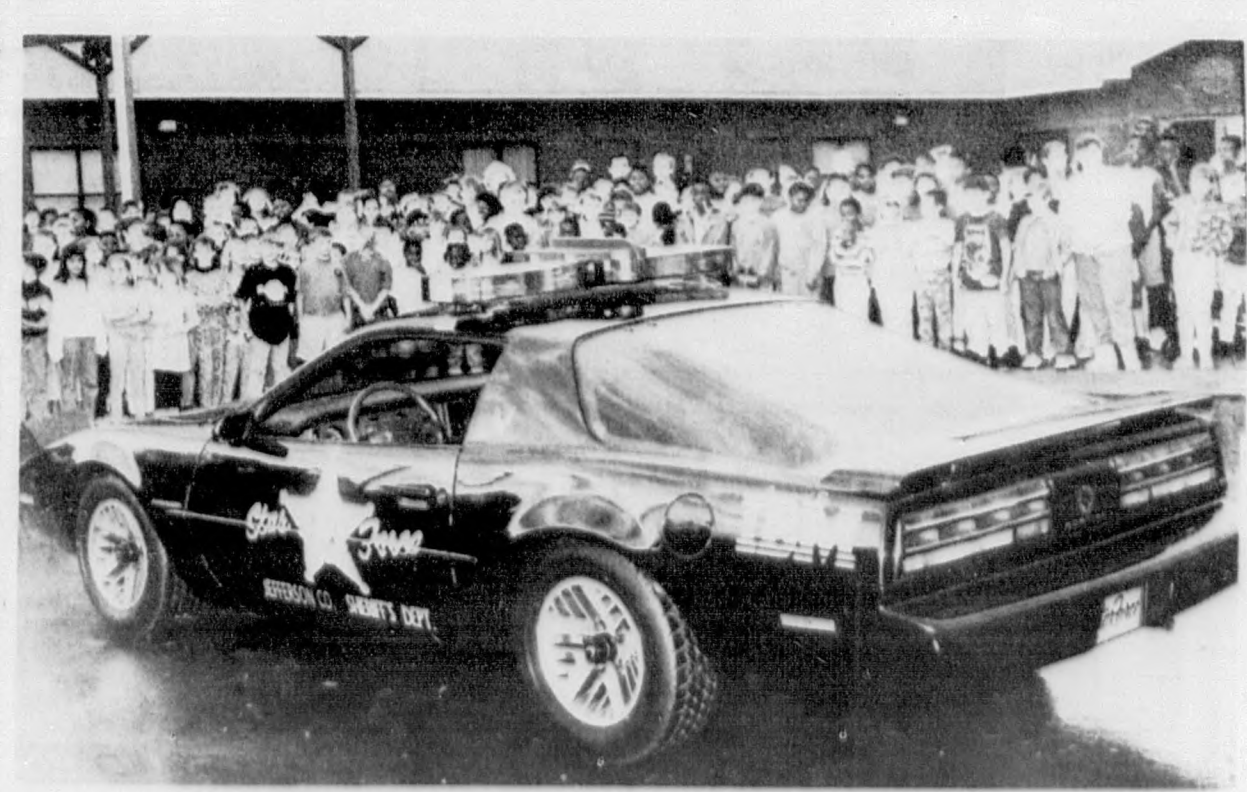
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SPECIAL VISITOR AT ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL... A few days ago, the students at EES had a very special car pay them a visit and talk to them. Yes, the car did talk to the students! Star Force is a 1990 Pontiac Firebird which was purchased by the Jefferson County Alabama Sheriff's Department to be used as an undercover car in the war on illegal drugs in the county. After its short and successful career in drug enforcement, engineers from the IBM Corporation equipped the car with several "very special features" to be used in the prevention of illegal drug and alcohol abuse. The car talks, dances, plays music, performs magic and even does acrobatics to get the audience's attention. Once the car has the kids' attention, it tells them about drugs and alcohol and warns the board of education, the road skills test is not necessary at the CDL site.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We will be "on the road" Friday with the Elba Tigers. The football team will be playing for the 3A championship in Lamar County and we are gonna be there to record the event on film. We would like to see each of you there also. In fact it is gonna be kinda cold and we hope you will have a little extra coffee to share with us. Don't worry about the warm clothes because we long ago learned how to dress for cold weather. Uncle Sam taught us that when he shipped a raw recruit to Ft. Carson, Colorado for basic training in January!

By the way, we honestly expect the Elba Tigers to win the championship, but only after a hard fought, low scoring game.

We hope City Attorney Mark Vaughan can convince the federal courts that we don't need another council election until 1996. The county commissioners had to run again last summer and the net results was just more work and expense for the candidates and the taxpayers who had to fund the extra election.

We heard the news that President Bush was offering American troops to insure relief convoys with food and medical aid would get to Somalia's starving citizens and thought it a good idea. It wasn't long however before the detractors began coming out of the woodwork. We first considered them radical nuts, at best. Then we stopped to listen at their reasons. We then examined their credentials etc. and are now not so sure. We can't believe anyone would encourage us to let humans starve... why we just read a news article of folks up in arms when a pet shop let some animals starve! Yet, if this would only draw us into another war we couldn't win and the Somalia natives would ultimately starve or be killed along with our American troops... that bears thinking about. We are not smart enough to have a learned answer on this matter, but will stick with our first impression and that is to feed those starving civilians.

Alabama Governor Guy Hunt apparently didn't heed our advice on the Confederate battle flag. The latest we heard out of Montgomery is that he still intends to hold the flag over the newly renovated historic state capitol. Another great piece of advice ignored!

The annual Elba Christmas Festival is scheduled for this Saturday. Those of us going to the football game will have a long ride home, but that ain't any excuse for missing the festival. We are going to be counting noses and you better show up!

SQUAD

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Officials of the town as well as members of the rescue squad expressed their appreciation to the Elba and Enterprise Rescue Squads for their assistance during the time the New Brockton squad was out of service.

New Brockton's ambulance has not been idle during the past two years. Elba's rescue squad has been housing and using the unit in answering calls.

Elba's Rescue Squad has been present at all of New Brockton High School's home football games and at other activities when requested.

At present, the New Brockton Rescue Squad's membership stands at eight emergency medical technicians and seven qualified drivers.

According to comments from the town's citizens, they are extremely happy to see the squad back in service. The response time to medical emergencies will be reduced considerably.

Emergency calls requiring the services of the New Brockton Rescue Squad should be placed to the New Brockton Police Department at 894-5559. The squad is on duty 24 hours a day.

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OBITUARIES

ELIZABETH MORRIS

Elizabeth Morris, age 80 of Elba, Alabama, died Saturday, December 5, 1992 in a Dothan, AL hospital. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 7, 1992 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Nelson Kimberly officiating.

Burial followed in the Shiloh Church Cemetery, located in Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include six sons, Wallace Morris of Troy, AL, Ernest Morris of Jacksonville, Florida, Joe Morris, James Morris, Raymond Morris, Cicero Eugene Morris, all of Elba, AL; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren.

LOIS K. HUDSON

Lois K. Hudson, age 70 of Elba, Alabama, died Wednesday, November 25, 1992 in a Dothan, AL hospital.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 27, 1992 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel. Officiating the service was Dr. Frank Wells and Dr. Tony Dye.

Burial followed in the Hillcrest Memorial Garden, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include her husband, Arthur Hudson of Elba, AL; two daughters, Verneette Maddox and Sue H. Parker, both of Elba, AL; one son, Johnny Hudson of Montgomery, AL; two brothers, Milton Kendrick of Florida, AL and Jack Kendrick of Elba, AL; one sister, Gladys Hollinghead of Elba, AL; 9 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren.

ASHLEY RAY JINRIGHT

Ashley Ray Jinright, age 24 of New Brockton, Alabama, died Saturday, November 28, 1992. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5, 1992 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Seaborn Wooten and Jimmy Edkins officiating.

Burial followed in the Woodland Grove Cemetery, Elba, AL, with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his parents, Larence Starling and Carolyn Sue Jinright of New Brockton, AL; one sister, Shannon Boswell of Jacksonville, North Carolina; two brothers, Scott Jinright of Dothan, AL and Joseph Jinright of Freeport, Florida.

WILLIAM HAROLD TUCKER
 William Harold Tucker, age 68 of Elba, Alabama, died Thursday, December 3, 1992 in a Dothan, AL hospital following a short illness.

Mr. Tucker was a veteran of World War II having served honorably with the U. S. Army Air Corp in the European Theatre. Mr. Tucker was an electrician with Dorsey Trailers in Elba for some 32 years.

It was Mr. Tucker's request that his body be donated to medical research so that others might benefit. No further services followed. Kent-Thorton Funeral Home of Dothan, AL, was in charge of all local arrangements.

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(L to R): Martin Moates, Chairman, Enterprise; Fred Clark, Elba; Robert English, Secretary/Treasurer, Damascus; Marion Sanders, Ratoon; Charles Mallory, Vice Chairman, Kinston.

1992 Annual Report: C. C. Soil & Water

Conservation District Board Of Supervisors

The Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District has just completed its 33rd year of operation. The board shown above sets the direction of the local program. All programs are delivered equally and are aimed at protecting our soil and water resources. This is done through the cooperation of all agencies in the county.

Our main thrust recently has been the implementation of the farm bill. This year we revised conservation plans on 1732 farms covering 103,000 acres. The deadline for all practices to be applied is January 1, 1995.

The local program continues to be successful because of those that support it. We say thanks to you for this support.

1992 Accomplishments

Landowners Assisted.....1100
 Unit of Gov't Assisted.....7
 Conservation Plans Developed.....1732

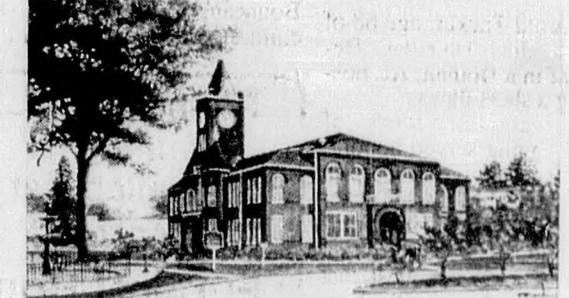
Conservation Practices Applied

Terraces.....300,000 ft
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 Critical Area Treated.....30.0 ac
 Sediment Basins.....12.0

Soil Conservation and District Staff: Stephen H. Musser, District Conservationist; Janice Moates, Clerk; Jimmy Clark, Technician; Buck Walters, Technician; Janine Sanders, Conservationist; and Chad Davis, Aid. Location: Coffee County Farm Center-894-6332.

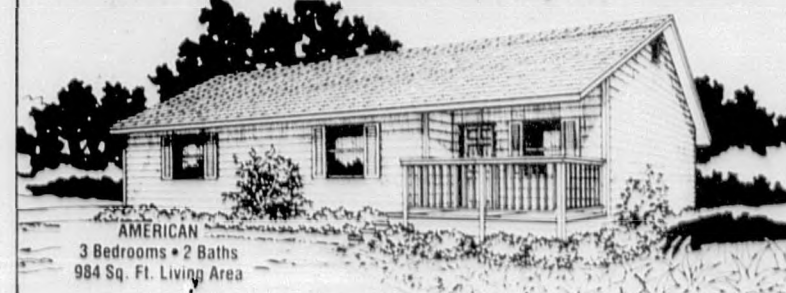
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
 I have enjoyed my home town newspaper for several years. Now I share it with two other families that came from around Elba. They look forward to getting it each week when I've finished with it.
 Happy Holidays,
 May Bell Bryant



Elba Tiger Football Team To Get Big Send Off

The Elba Tiger football team is getting a big send off from the people of the Elba area.

The City of Elba has a William's Signs painted banner at city hall and is encouraging all citizens to come by and sign their name. The banner salutes the accomplishments of the team and wishes them luck Friday night.

The banner will be presented to Coach Mack Wood and the football team at the Thursday pep rally, just before the team leaves for the over-night trip to the final game of the playoffs. Elba Mayor Ricky Haywood will make the presentation on behalf of the community.

Mayor Haywood said late Tuesday that the City will also make a financial donation to the school. This is to help offset some of the band, cheerleader and football team expenses on the trip. These young ambassadors continue to leave good impressions wherever they go and in whatever they do.

Marler noted last week that the sale day has been moved to Tuesday and many livestock growers are still habituated to the Thursday date the sale used for so many years.

Marler is enthusiastic that buyers and sellers are already returning to the local sale in large numbers.

The Adult Vocational Education Program at Elba High School will begin an Introduction To Microcomputer class January 12, 1993 in the computer lab at Elba High School. Classes will meet each Tuesday and Thursday night from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. for eight weeks. The course will be taught by Mr. David Stokes. The charge for the course is \$15.00.

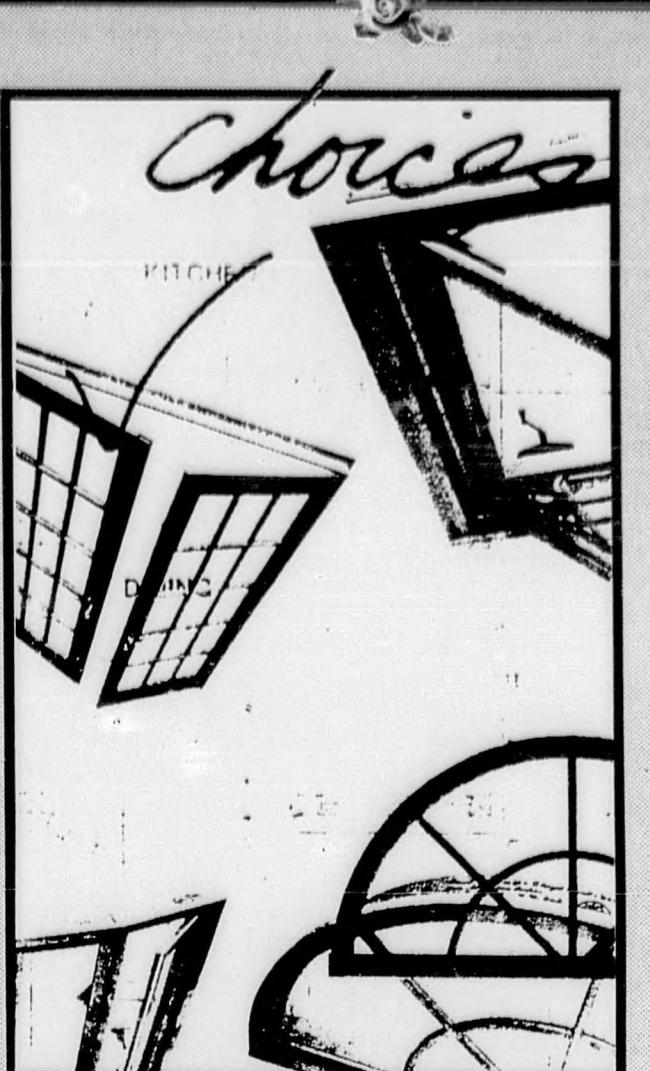
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Friday - Donuts, Cereal, Juice, Milk

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After School Detention For Tardy Zion Chapel Students

Zion Chapel has a new policy for tardy students. For every four tardies in one class, the student gets one hour of time spent with our principal, Mr. Robert Black, in detention hall. A note is sent home to their parents notifying them of their child's tardies and the amount of time they must stay after school.

Mr. Black says after school with the students for an hour. He says that four tardies equal one hour of detention and every tardy after the fourth is an extra hour of detention.

Mr. Black said, "We have no plans for Saturday School. The only reason for after school detention has been started is because the other ways for trying to lower the tardies have been unsuccessful."



FFA Orange Sale



The FFA organization raised almost \$3000 in its recent fundraiser. Over 700 boxes of oranges, tangerines, grapefruit, and apples were sold.

The top salesperson, Wayland House, was awarded a \$200 savings bond and a free FFA jacket. Nicki Pilcher was the second highest salesperson. She was given a \$50 check and a free FFA jacket. Third highest salesperson was Kacia Griffin. Kacia was given a \$25 check and was also given a free FFA jacket.

ZC Students Attend FBLA-PBL Conference



The 1992 National Fall Leadership Conference of Future Business Leaders of America and Phi Beta Lambda was held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Orleans on November 20 and 21, 1992. FBLA officers Laura Brown and Chris Hodge and FBLA member Randy Jackson attended this conference with their advisor, Mrs. Rachel Bryan. Over 5000 students from twelve states, which make up the southern region, were in attendance.

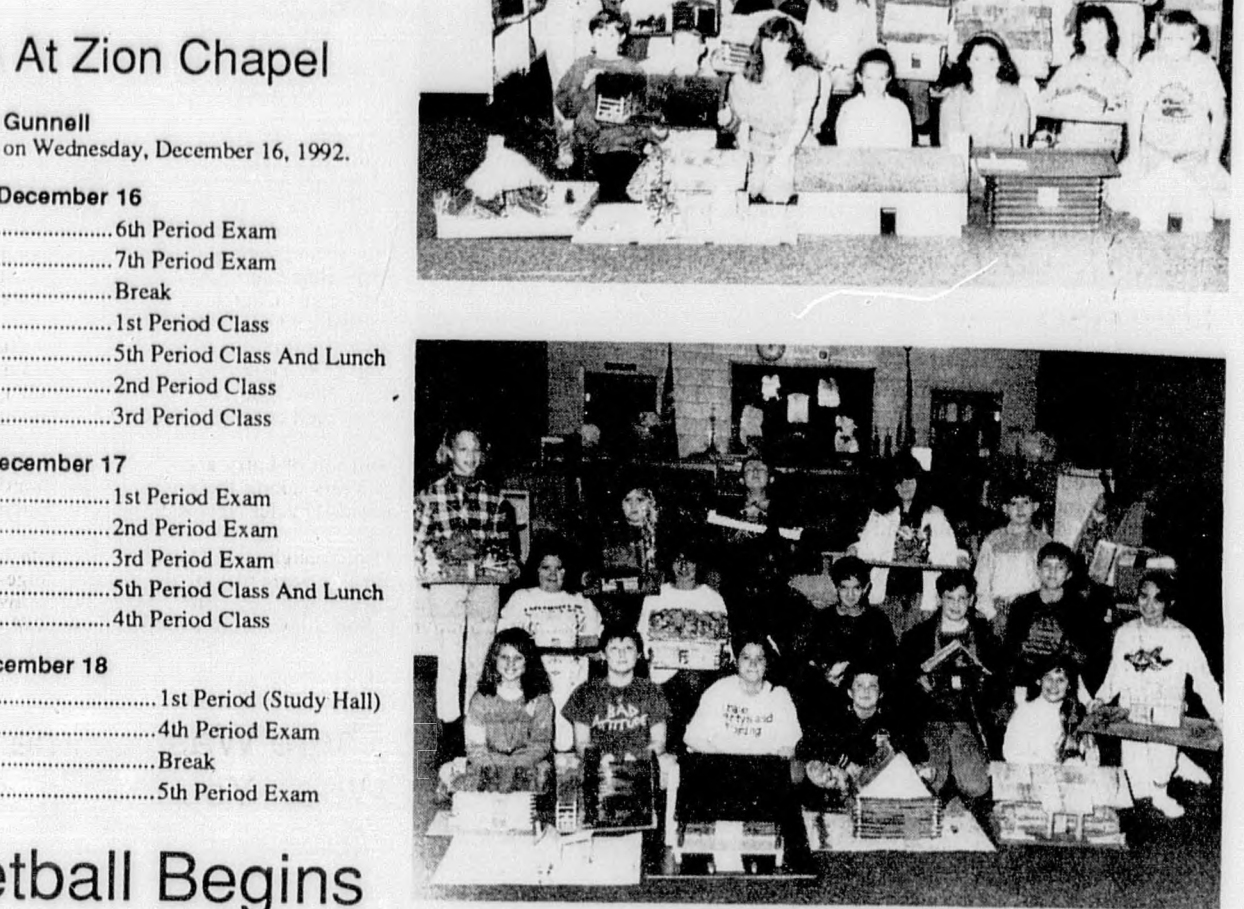
Registration, State FBLA meetings and the opening general session were held on Friday. Several national officers took part in the opening session and the keynote speaker was Mr. Phil. His comments were educational and very entertaining. He encouraged everyone to set goals and strive to reach them. The final of the Opening General Session was a musical tribute to Broadway which everyone enjoyed. Friday night came to an end with a dance that was held in the ballroom.

On Saturday, November 21, twenty-two workshops were conducted for the participants. Each member selected the workshops they would attend. Mrs. Bryan attended workshops designed especially for advisors and the members from Zion Chapel attended workshops on "How To Work A Room" and "Running For Office." A Closing General Session and dance was held Saturday night. The Zion Chapel students attending the conference received much information which will be beneficial to their local chapter. They also made many new friends and enjoyed spending some time in the French Quarter and the ever popular French Market. Mrs. June Brown assisted Mrs. Bryan as a chaperone during this trip.

Athletic Club Turkey Shoot

The Zion Chapel Athletic Club is sponsoring a Turkey Shoot on Saturday, December 12, 1992. The Turkey Shoot will be held from 11 a.m. until the school's old baseball field. The money raised will go toward the club for future use. Everyone is invited to attend and show their support.

Fifth Graders Build Log Cabins



The fifth grade classes at Zion Chapel Elementary School have been studying early settlers in the United States. The students learned that colonists from Sweden and Finland began building homes that were now to the other colonists. These new buildings were called log cabins. Log cabins became very popular in early America and were built in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee. Their project for this unit of study was to build a log cabin. A wide variety of materials were used in making these cabins such as drinking straws, dowel sticks, and small tree limbs. Their teachers, Mrs. Susan Sessions and Mrs. Jo Ann Jones, were very pleased with these projects turned in.

Z. C. Students Participate In Upward Bound Program

A program called Upward Bound has recently been created by Troy State University to help students in many schools across South Alabama. The program includes attending monthly meetings, getting paid for participating, and getting help with school work. The help comes in the form of tutors. Several Troy State students have volunteered to be tutors for students who are in need of help with their school work. Every student in the program is called two days each week by a tutor. The tutor finds out if the student has any particular work with which help is needed. In addition, a tutor comes to a school one day a month for a face to face meeting to offer additional help.

There are monthly meetings on the campus of Troy State University with the high school students and the college tutors who get together to study, attend classes, have a good meal, and to end the day - watch a good movie. To be involved in Upward Bound Program a student has to be recommended by the high school counselor, a teacher, or the principal. Mr. Robert Sheppard is in charge of the program.

BE Advisory Council Meets

Mrs. Rachel Bryan, BE teacher and FBLA advisor, and FBLA President Sandy Jacobs, and Treasurer Tracey Jernigan attended the Coffee County Business Education Advisory (BEA) meeting held at Shoney's. Others attending the meeting were Mrs. Henrietta Grimes, chairperson of the BEA, Mrs. Kinison, Mrs. Paula Black of the People's Bank in Elba, and Mr. Charles Ross of Dorsey Trailers who is secretary of the BEA. Mrs. Henrietta Grimes called the first meeting of the school year to order. Mr. Charles Ross Ellis then called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Mrs. Grimes asked for any old or new business. The old business discussed was the \$100 donation to the state chapter of FBLA last year that helped finance the state delegation's trip to the national conference. The new business included a discussion of the donation of \$50 to the Sizemore-McLendon Fund that is part of this year's state project. President Sandy Jacobs discussed the chapters plan for future activities and projects of the club at Zion Chapel. Things discussed were the Zion Chapel FBLA adopt-a-mile to keep their mile clean of all trash. The FBLA plans to challenge other clubs at ZC to adopt a spot on the campus to keep the school grounds clean. The club also plans to go for the gold.

Mrs. Donaldson and Mrs. Ausaf also discussed their future plans for their chapter. After all business was discussed, Mrs. Grimes made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned and after this motion was seconded the BE Advisory Council Meeting was then adjourned.

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By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz bunch went Christmas shopping Saturday and then to the movies later that night to see "Home Alone 2." The shopping was tiring and we didn't really get all that much done, but the movie was well worth the price of admission and even Melanie enjoyed what little bit she watched. It's not often that our whole family can get away and do something together, so, I guess Saturday may have been a pretty good time after all!

ELBA TIGERS SAY FAREWELL WITH BIG PLAYOFF WIN

The Elba Tigers said a fond farewell to Miller Memorial Stadium Friday night and did so with class as they whipped the Asheville Bulldogs 21-14, to win the final high school football game ever played in the 52-year-old stadium. A big pre-game celebration took place honoring all the players, coaches and cheerleaders that had ever played on the field, and the spirit line prior to the game stretched from Guilford to Guilford. The ex-players and current players shook hands and gave high-fives before the game, and then the 1992 Tigers closed the stadium in style with the win. It was a fitting farewell to a field that was considered one of the toughest places in the state for opposing teams to win.

The farewell was sentimental, but at the same time it was exciting, because now the Tigers know that from this day forward they will be playing at a new home - Tiger Stadium, which will be one of the loveliest fields in the state in any class. With the class showed by the athletes at Elba High, there can be no doubt that before long the new stadium will also be one feared far and wide!

TIGERS MAKE IT TO THE "BIG SHOW" WITH 12TH WIN

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Elba had struggled against solid opponents, and against injuries in the opening three games of the playoffs, but managed to survive with a rock-hard defense and an offense that refused to die. Against Asheville, many felt like the Tigers would be in over their heads against the high-powered Bulldog offense. However, the Tigers' walking wounded all played in the semifinal contest, and joined with the rest of the Tigers to defeat a very good football team. There is no doubt that these Tigers earned their spot in the state championship game!

The offense moved the ball from the start against Asheville, but made some mistakes that slowed drives and in the first half didn't get to play all that much because of the success of the Asheville offensive unit. In the second half, the offense began to put the ball in the air to loosen up the defense, and the plan worked like a charm as the Tigers marched up and down the field and scored two touchdowns to pull out the win. Keith Grantham had a good night passing as he hit on four of six passes for 61 yards, including one pass that threaded the needle through Asheville defenders. Joe Donaldson and Josh Caldwell both caught the ball well, as they have all season long, and the running back trio of Teddy Burks, Greg Thigpen and Jamie Brockton all ran hard for all four quarters, often dragging Asheville defenders with them. The offensive line had its hands full, but simply kept on working and butting heads with its opponents, and once again opened the holes that led to big gains. The offense was operating with one arm tied behind its back in games two and three, but Friday night the Tigers came out firing and it was a welcome sight for everyone in attendance.

The defense really had its hands full with the high-powered Asheville offensive attack, but made some big plays all across the field and in the second half began to dominate the line of scrimmage. Bryce Phillips was like a man possessed at times as he chased down the Asheville quarterback and knocked down the Bulldog runners, while Bo Boyd was an immovable object at tackle, and Julius Peterson had two big sacks early that set the tone for the defense. Jamie Brockton and Phillip Compton may be the most surprising of the Tigers' defensive standouts, but both had solid games again Friday night and made plays that helped stop Asheville drives. The secondary played deep to prevent getting burned and didn't knock down that many passes; however, several times the backs made big tackles that prevented long touchdown plays, just like planned.

Last week Josh Caldwell was carried off the sidelines on a stretcher after being injured late in the game while kicking the game-winning extra-point, and during the week he missed practice soaking his ankle in ice water, in an attempt to get the swelling down. He had a brace on his ankle Friday night, but played almost the entire game and made a big interception that prevented an Asheville touchdown, and made a circus catch that led to an Elba touchdown. Josh Caldwell enjoys playing football as much as anyone in the world and Friday night showed that he will ignore pain to help his teammates. Great job, Josh!

The win Friday night was a big win for Elba, not just because it put the Tigers in the state championship game, but because it showed that the Tigers simply refuse to lose. The Tigers had more than enough excuses to lose, but never let the excuses bother them, and once again showed what pride and determination can do. This team is special, and you've got to believe it isn't through yet.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR CLOSES OUT BANNER YEAR

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator was smiling Sunday afternoon when he dropped by, and had a good reason, after hitting on 10 of 12 picks last week to go 358-71 for the season. He stated that the championship games would all be toss-ups, but did leave his picks for the week, and the last of the season.

ELBA VS. LAMAR COUNTY

The Tigers whipped the Bulldogs on their way to a state title back in 1989 and a win this week will mean that the road to the state championship for Elba does indeed go through Lamar County. The Tigers may not be playing at home, and may not have as many athletes as the Bulldogs, but this bunch of Tigers has shown that they won't be denied and I think they've got one win left!

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Sports

Elba Tigers to battle Lamar County for Class 3A state championship

We're back! Back in 1989, the Lamar County Bulldogs were rolling toward a state football championship with what was being called the school's "best team ever." The Elba Tigers paid a visit to the Bulldogs and posted a 14-10 win that ended the Bulldogs' season and sparked the Tigers to the state title.

Fast forward to 1992...the Lamar County Bulldogs are undefeated, and once again the Bulldogs and their fans are calling the team the school's "best team ever" and are already looking at state championship rings. Friday night Lamar County will host the Class 3A state championship game; however, the opponent will once again be the Elba Tigers, and if it's true that history has a way of repeating itself, the Tigers could just play the big Bulldog party planned for after the game.

"Lamar County had an outstanding football team the last time we played them," stated Elba's Coach Mack Wood, "and they've got an outstanding team again this year. If we can go up there and beat Lamar County on its home field in the state championship game, there will be absolutely no doubt that we deserve to be state champions."

Lamar County, coached by Kenneth McKinney, is one of only three undefeated teams left in the state and will bring a perfect 13-0 record into the clash.

The Bulldogs defeated Hamilton 27-14, Pickens County 45-12, New Hope, Ms. 54-13, Aliceville 34-8,

Fayette County 3-0, South Lamar 38-0, Parrish 20-19, Demopolis 14-7 and Sulligent 20-6 in the regular season, then in the playoffs never skipped a beat as they defeated Winston County 34-7, Oneonta 30-0, Aliceville 13-0 and Central, of Florence, 26-18.

"Lamar County has got an explosive offense that can strike from anywhere on the field and a hard-hitting defense that swarms to the football," said Coach Wood. "They have a truly outstanding team on both sides of the football and will be playing at home in front of what will be an excited crowd of supporters. They are already a mighty good football team, and by the time we kickoff Friday night they'll be even more excited and fired up. You can bet that Lamar County will be more than ready Friday night and that we'll have to play our best to bring the state championship ship back home to Elba."

"On offense," said Wood, "they have excellent speed in the backfield and a quarterback that is comfortable both running and passing. They like to hit inside using their fullback and the strength of their offensive line, then try and spring their speedy backs outside. They can run the sweep and option well, and really test the defense with their balanced offense. When they go to the air they are usually successful, and they have the tools with their quarterback and receivers. Defensively, they are one of the most aggressive teams we've faced this season. They have real good size up front, line-

backers that are quick and strong and some really quality defensive backs. The defense gives up yardage grudgingly and makes you pay for every single yard you gain."

"If we're going to win the football game we'll have to be prepared to play and keep our heads screwed on tight in spite of the long trip and importance of the game," added Wood. "It will be a long road trip for us and we'll be playing in a hostile environment, so, the players will have to stay focused and keep their sights on the task in front of them."

"On offense we'll have to be balanced and be successful both running and passing," said Coach Wood. "We have to run the football to win, that is obvious, but we'll also have to throw the football to keep their defense honest and be able to move the ball consistently. Our line has been the key all season long and this week it will once again face a stern challenge. The line will have to block well on every single play, the backs will have to run hard and protect the ball when they get hit, and we'll have to get points on the scoreboard when we get close."

"Our defense played well again last week and this week will have to step it up a notch and play its best on every single play and try to control the line of scrimmage," Wood stated. "Lamar County will be very physical and try to intimidate us, but the defense will have to keep playing like it has in the playoffs and give the offense a chance to put points on the board. We'll have to be physical in the line, get strong play from the ends and be alert against both the run and the pass in the secondary. The defense will be tested and we'll just have to be ready and get after them on every play."

"Two champions meet in a championship game and that is what we'll have Friday night up in Lamar County," Coach Wood declared. "They are undefeated and playing at home, while we have overcome injuries and distractions to survive and make it to the big show. Both of these teams deserve to be where they are and the team that plays the best Friday night will get the rings. We'll have to be well prepared, play hard and give it one-hundred percent, and then some, on every play. It will be a championship game in every sense of the word."

When asked about the 21-14 semifinal win over Asheville, Coach Wood said, "It was one of the hardest, but sweetest wins we've ever had. Asheville had a tremendous team and a huge crowd supporting them, and we had a team that was dedicated to winning and moving on in the playoffs. Our crowd was big, and loud, and all the former players were there."

"These players have as much pride about Elba Tiger football as any team I've coached," stated Wood, "and it showed Friday night. They simply refused to lose and wanted it more than the guys they were playing against. This team went 8-0 on their home field this season and went out with a bang Friday night in front of the alumni. It was a big win by one of our best teams ever."

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Football Stadium Served Elba Tigers 52 Years

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

December 4, 1992 marked the final Elba High School football game in Miller Memorial Stadium.

The Elba Tigers won that first game in 1940 and they ended the 52-year season in typical fashion with another win.

That first game was played on September 25 or 26, 1940 against Asheville. The Elba team won 45-0. Coach of that team was "Big Jim" Radford, from Hartford.

Mack Wood has coached the Tigers for the past 16 years. He recently coached his 200th career win in Miller Memorial Stadium on November 27 of this year.

The 1992 season was played against Asheville and was the semi-finals of the Class 3A state championship playoffs.

The 1940 team ended the season 7-2, with the only losses being to Troy and Enterprise.

The stadium is not over, with the championship game scheduled for Friday night, December 11, in Vernon, AL, but the current Tigers have a 12-1 record. Their only loss was to 4A T. R. Miller, of Brewton, by a heartbreaking score of 21-20.

The first touchdown scored on what was then "Tiger Stadium" was scored by Willard "Shorty" Martin. It was scored on the levee end of the field.

Martin could only remember that it was a running play for short yardage. "It was probably either 52 yard or less," said Martin. He continued, "We used that play a lot on short yardage. The lineman kicked the end out and the ball carrier went between the tackle and end."

Martin also scored the first touchdown on the other end of the field. It was also during the high scoring Asheville game.

The playing field wasn't up to the standards it is today. John Glen Lee remembers the stumps had been removed, but the soil hadn't settled. This caused the playing field to be very uneven and softer in some places.

Others remember the playing field was leveled and extra dirt hauled in during a weekend. As many as six pieces of heavy equip-

ment were "borrowed" that weekend from a construction project in the area to do the earth moving.

Elba had only been playing football since 1936, having dropped the sport in 1929, due to the depression. That 1936 team scored three touchdowns and won three games.

Until the construction of Tiger Stadium, football was played behind what was later the Junior High part of the high school building. The flat area was not as large as necessary and therefore one corner of the end zone was up on the levee. Under these conditions, a tail receiver had a great advantage a short defender. Defending halfbacks were rotated to keep the taller defender "on the levee."

The ballfield was finished on Thursday afternoon before the Friday night game. The lights were installed but not turned on until game time. The lights were too much for the transformer and fuses were blown every time they were turned on.

Electricians were called back and the solution was a rewiring of the system. Ultimately half the lights were unhooked and connected to an additional transformer. This one was taken down at Dorsey Trailers and used for the ball game.

The problems caused by the lights delayed the start of the game until about 9:30 p.m. There were only four small lights on each pole, and things were "a little bit dark" according to players from that day, but they did play the game...and won.

Players and football fans from 1940 remember there was a deep ravine or ditch in what is now the parking lot. A person walked across a wooden bridge to get to the ball field.

A few brave young souls tried to jump the ditch on their bicycles. This usually failed and only tore up the bikes.

According to Martin, the real difference in football today and football of 1940 is the officiating.

The saying, "home field advantage" was coined during those days. The game officials were always local. Sometimes they came straight from the peanut picker to their overalls to officiate a ball

game. Games were seldom officiated exactly by the rules.

Mr. Martin remembers one game in which the Elba Tigers scored three touchdowns, but was defeated 7-0 due to that "homecooking."

Players could legally participate until they were 21 years old during the 1940 era. Even then, some team members were unable to complete the whole season due to being over-age.

The late Jack Smart played that first game in Tiger Stadium, but didn't play the whole season because he reached his 21st birthday. Members of the first team to play in Tiger Stadium included the following 23 players: The starting lineup was John Glen Lee and Jack Prescott at guard; Paul Rowe Brunson at center; Joe English and Jack Smart at tackle; Wallace Adkinson and Waylon DuBose at the ends; Cecil Parker at fullback; Jim Boswell and Shorty Martin at halfback and Harold Hudson at quarterback.

Other key players included Mace Cook and Harold Wise at halfback; Bill Maddox at fullback; Walter Martin Jr. at quarterback; Jack Lighten at end; Clinton Moore and Lamar Vaughan at guard; Jack Smart, Roy King and Steven Ham at tackle; Joe Brooks and William Scarbrough at center.

The name of the stadium was changed in the 1960's to honor the late Leroy Miller for his leadership in raising money to upgrade the seating in the facility.



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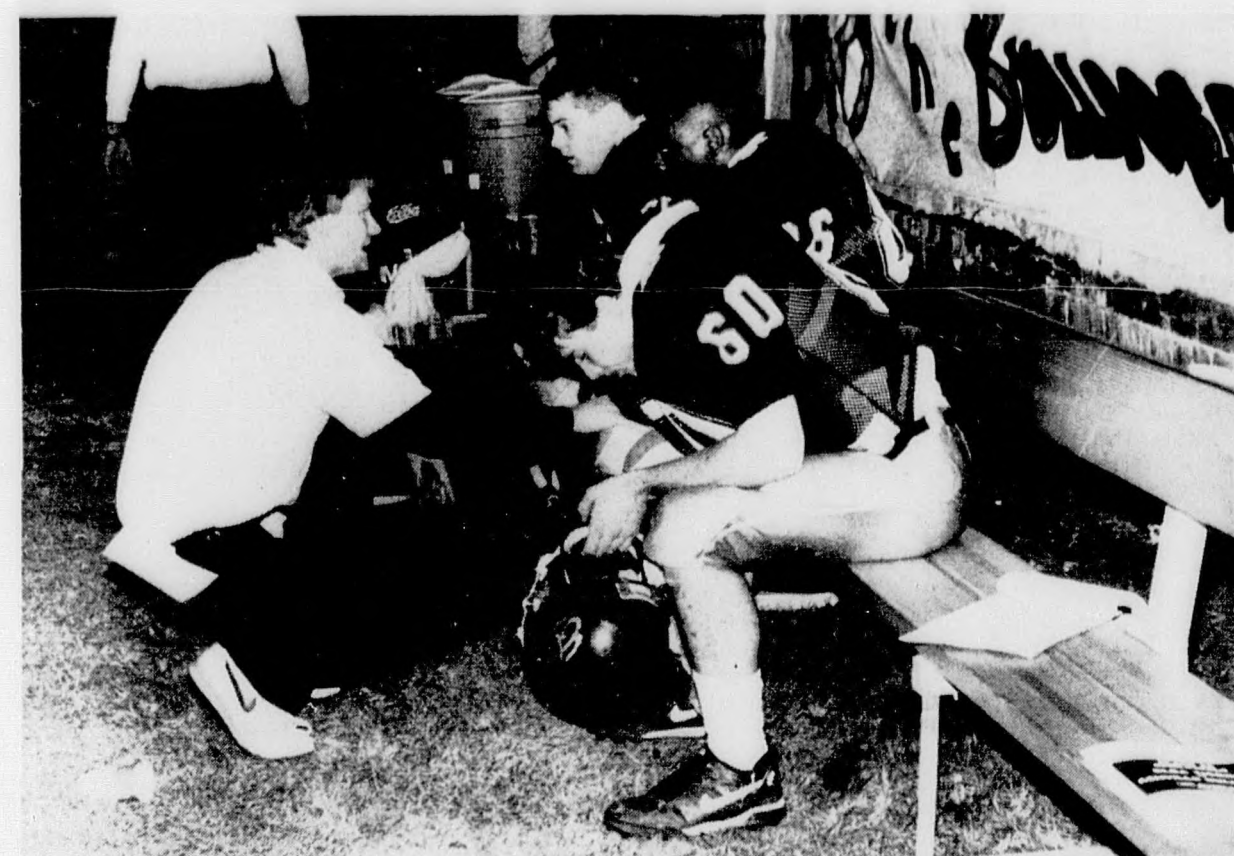
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DIVING FOR THE ENDZONE! Elba's Jamie Brockton (42) dives across the goal line for the Tigers first score Friday night. Brockton scored the touchdown in the second quarter to get the Tigers on the scoreboard first in the state semifinal contest.



TALKING WITH THE DEFENSE... Elba defensive coordinator David Lowery talks with members of the defense during Friday night's 21-14 win over Ashville. Listening to the defensive strategy are Phillip Compton (60), Cory Howe (86) and Bo Boyd (75).

Tigers earn title shot with 21-14 victory over Ashville

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers gave a proud, old stadium a fitting going away present Friday night as they dumped the Ashville Bulldogs 21-14, in the semifinal round of the state Class 3A football playoffs.

The win improved Elba's record to 12-1 and moved the Tigers into the state championship game for the fourth time in the past eight years, while Ashville ended its season with a 12-2 mark.

The two teams swapped punts to open the game; however, the high-powered Ashville offense got on track on its second possession and drove to a first down at the Elba 21-yardline behind the running of John Perry and Scott Countryman.

The Bulldogs appeared to have taken an early lead on a 16-yard touchdown run, but the score was nullified by a clipping penalty, and on fourth down the Bulldogs were turned away empty-handed when the Tigers Bryce Phillips blocked a 37-yard field-goal attempt by Jeremy Jones.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 28-yardline and marched 72 yards in 9 plays to get on the scoreboard!

An off-side penalty against Ashville on fourth down and four gave the Tigers a first down early in the drive, while the workhorse of the

drive was Greg Thigpen, who gained 38 yards on only two carries and moved the Tigers to the Bulldog 17 on a 31-yard scamper.

Jamie Brockton got the touchdown on a 5-yard run and Detrick Kyles booted the extra-point to give Elba a 7-0 lead with 10:11 remaining in the second quarter.

Ashville's offense was ready to get back on the field and once again began a march toward the Elba goal, only to once again be turned back.

The Bulldogs drove to a first down at the Elba 25-yardline, this time on the arm of quarterback Jeremy Tourant, only to be knocked back on a big hit by Bryce Phillips on a second down play and then by a quarterback sack by Julius Peterson on third down.

Jeremy Jones attempted a 52-yard field-goal on fourth and 19, but the kick sailed wide right and the Tigers had dodged another bullet fired by the Ashville offensive unit.

The Bulldogs got the ball right back on an Elba punt and this time moved 44 yards in only three plays to catch the Tigers at 7-7.

Quarterback Jeremy Tourant hit on three straight passes during the quick scoring drive, with the touchdown coming on a 14-yard toss to Jeremy Jones. Jones added the extra-point and with 1:10 left in the first half the score was knotted at 7-7.

The Elba offense failed to get

anything going on its initial series of the second half, but the defense was ready to go and knocked Ashville back to its own 12-yardline on a pair of quarterback sacks.

The Tigers got the ball back at the Bulldog 46-yardline following a 30-yard punt and this time marched 46 yards in 5 plays to regain the lead.

Keith Grantham hit passes of 14 yards to Josh Caldwell and 13 yards to Joe Donaldson to quickly move the Tigers to the Ashville 18-yardline, then the Tigers moved to a first and goal at the 9-yardline when the Bulldogs were hit with a pass interference penalty in the endzone.

One play later Perry Stinson took an inside handoff and found the endzone on a 4-yard scamper, and Detrick Kyles added the extra-point, giving the Tigers a 14-7 lead with 5:59 remaining in the third quarter.

Elba got the ball back near mid-field late in the stanza and behind the running of Teddy Burks moved to a first down at the Ashville 25, but this time the offense begged down and failed to score when Detrick Kyles saw a 42-yard field-goal attempt sail wide right.

Ashville, which managed only 16 yards in total offense in the third quarter, went to the playbook early in the final stanza and came up with a big play when Sonny Tibbs got the ball on a double-reverse and raced 43 yards, setting the Bulldogs up with a first down at the Elba 17-yardline.

The Bulldog fans were standing in anticipation of a score; however, the Elba defense had other plans and again turned the Dogs away empty-handed, as on second down at the sixteen, Elba's Josh Caldwell intercepted a Tourant pass and returned it to the Tiger 24-yardline!

Two plays and a penalty left the Tigers facing a third down and 14, and this time it was the Tigers that went to their playbook, as Coach Mack Wood called a time-out to set up what turned out to be one of the game's biggest plays even though it didn't exactly go as planned!

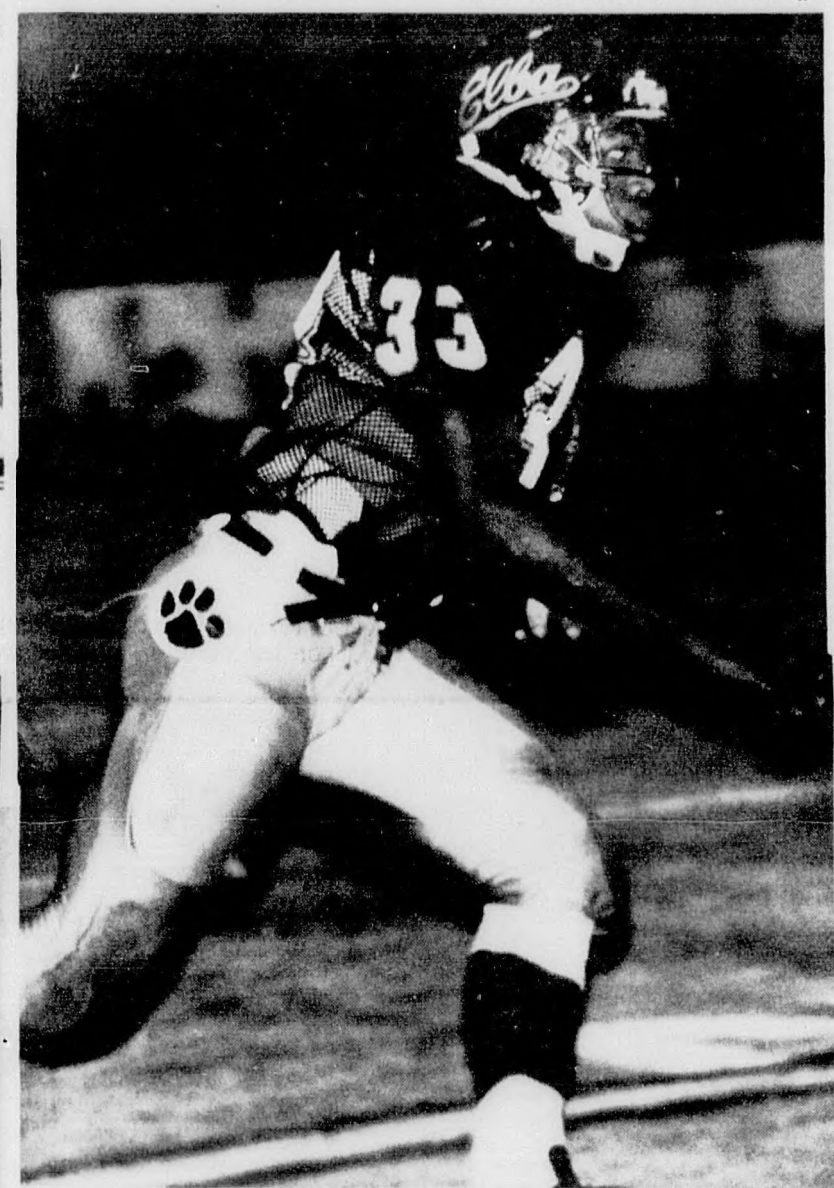
Quarterback Keith Grantham dropped back to pass on the third down play and looted a pass deep over the middle to Perry Stinson. The pass was batted up by a Bulldog defender, but Josh Caldwell raced into the area and pulled down the tipped pass, giving Elba a first down at the Tigers' 48-yardline.

Teddy Burks got the call on the next play on a pitch-out, side-stepped a Bulldog tackler at the line and then faked out a defensive back as he scampered 52 yards for an Elba touchdown.

Detrick Kyles added the p.a.t. and with 5:37 left in the game the Tiger fans were going wild as the Tigers owned a 21-7 advantage.

Ashville began its ensuing series at the Elba 47-yardline after a 49-

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Elba's Teddy Burks (33) heads upfield for a big gain in the Tigers 21-14 win over Ashville. Burks gained 123 yards on 12 carries and scored a touchdown on a 52 yard run to spark the Tigers to the win.



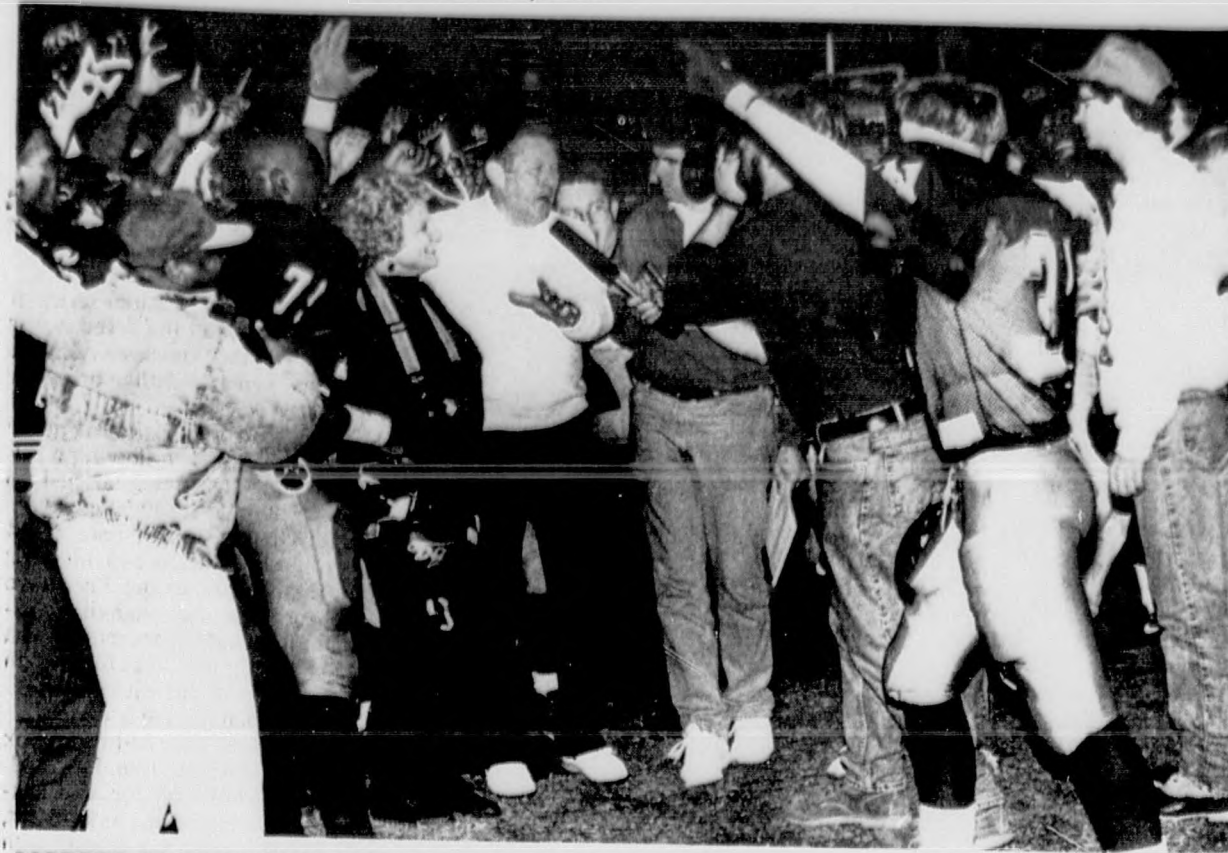
Elba's Josh Caldwell (82) comes down with an interception in the fourth quarter to kill a potential Ashville scoring drive.

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MOBBED BY THE MEDIA! Elba's Coach Mack Wood was mobbed by the media Friday night following the Tigers 21-14 semifinal win over Ashville. Four television stations and six newspapers were represented at the game, which earned Elba the right to battle this week for the state championship.

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"Tigers"

yard kick return by Jeremy Jones, but once again got knocked backwards and faced a fourth down and 18 at its own 45-yardline following another quarterback sack by Bryce Phillips.

Jeremy Tourant was forced to scramble on the fourth down play, and after avoiding the Elba pass rush, found Sonny Tibbs all alone behind the Tiger secondary, and hit the speedy receiver for a 50-yard gain to the Elba 5-yardline.

Two plays later Tourant hit Scott Seawright on an 11-yard touchdown pass and Jeremy Jones added the extra-point, cutting the Elba lead to 21-14 with 1:44 left on the clock.

The Bulldogs tried an onside-kick on the ensuing kickoff, but the kick rolled backwards five yards and the Tigers put the ball in play at the Ashville 35-yardline with 1:44 still left in the game.

Elba batted for a first down behind the running of Greg Thigpen and Teddy Burks, and the Elba players and fans counted down the seconds as the Tigers celebrated the 21-14 victory.

Teddy Burks gained 123 yards on 12 carries to lead the Elba ground attack, while Greg Thigpen added 52

yards on 7 carries and Jamie Brockton bulled for 29 yards on 9 totes.

Keith Grantham hit on 4 of 6 passes for 61 yards, with Josh Caldwell catching two passes for 42 yards and Joe Donaldson hauling in two for 19 yards.

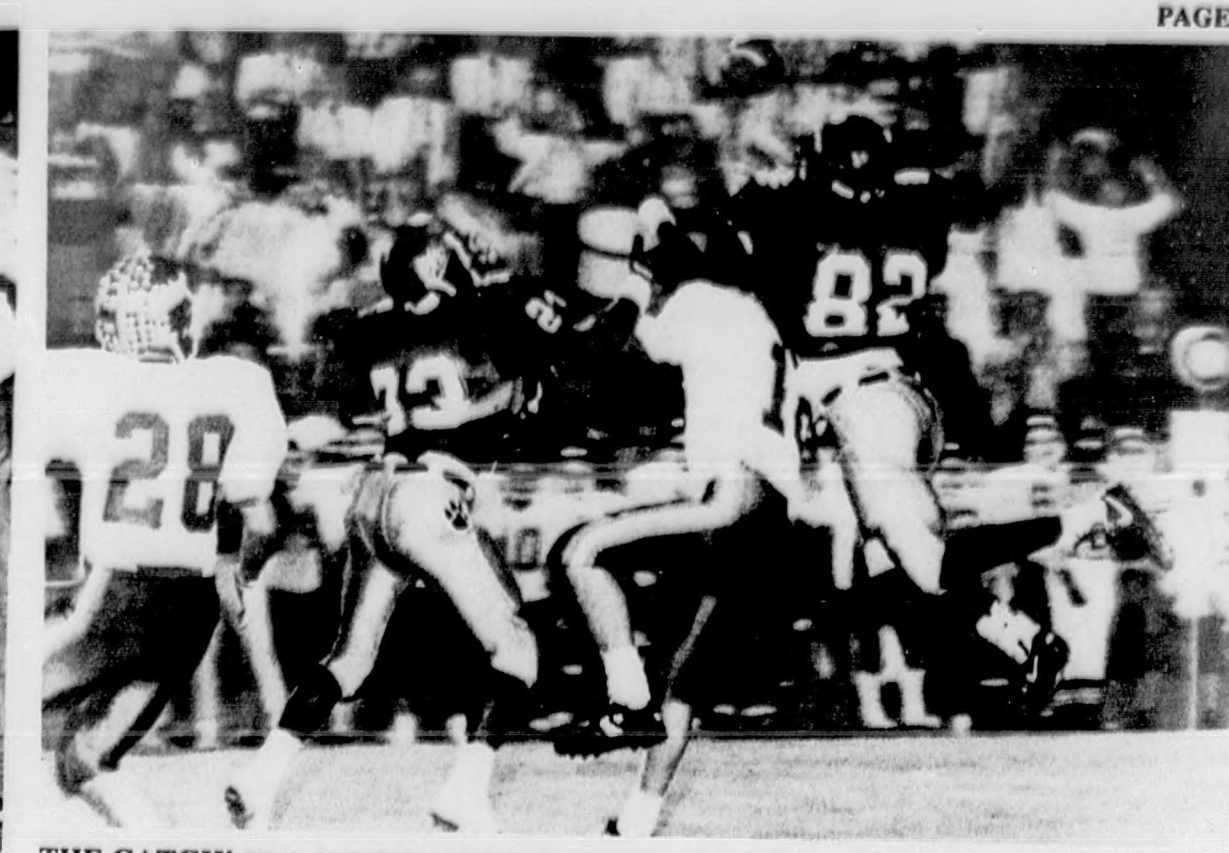
John Perry gained 45 yards on 12 carries to lead Ashville on the ground, while Jeremy Tourant hit on 10 of 18 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns.

The Elba defense was sparked by Bryce Phillips with 10 tackles, 2 assists, two quarterback sacks and a blocked field-goal. Other defensive standouts included Perry Stinson (6 tackles), Jamie Brockton (6 tackles) and Phillip Compton (5 tackles and 1 assist). Julius Peterson also recorded two quarterback sacks.

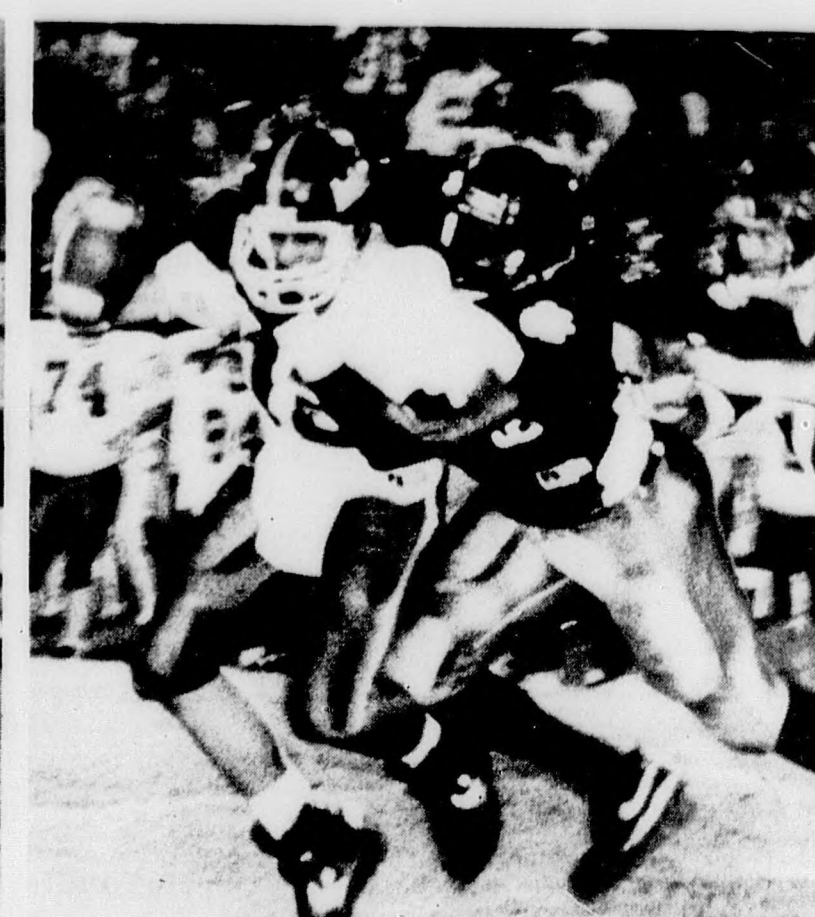
STATISTICS

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1st Downs	12	13
Rushing Yds.	209	64
Passing Yds.	61	214
Total Offense	270	278
Passes	4-8-0	10-18-1
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Punts-Ave.	4-37	4-37
Penalty Yds.	39	55

Tiger placekicker Detrick Kyles (30) stepped in for an injured teammate and hit on 3 of 3 extra-points in last week's 21-14 win over Ashville.

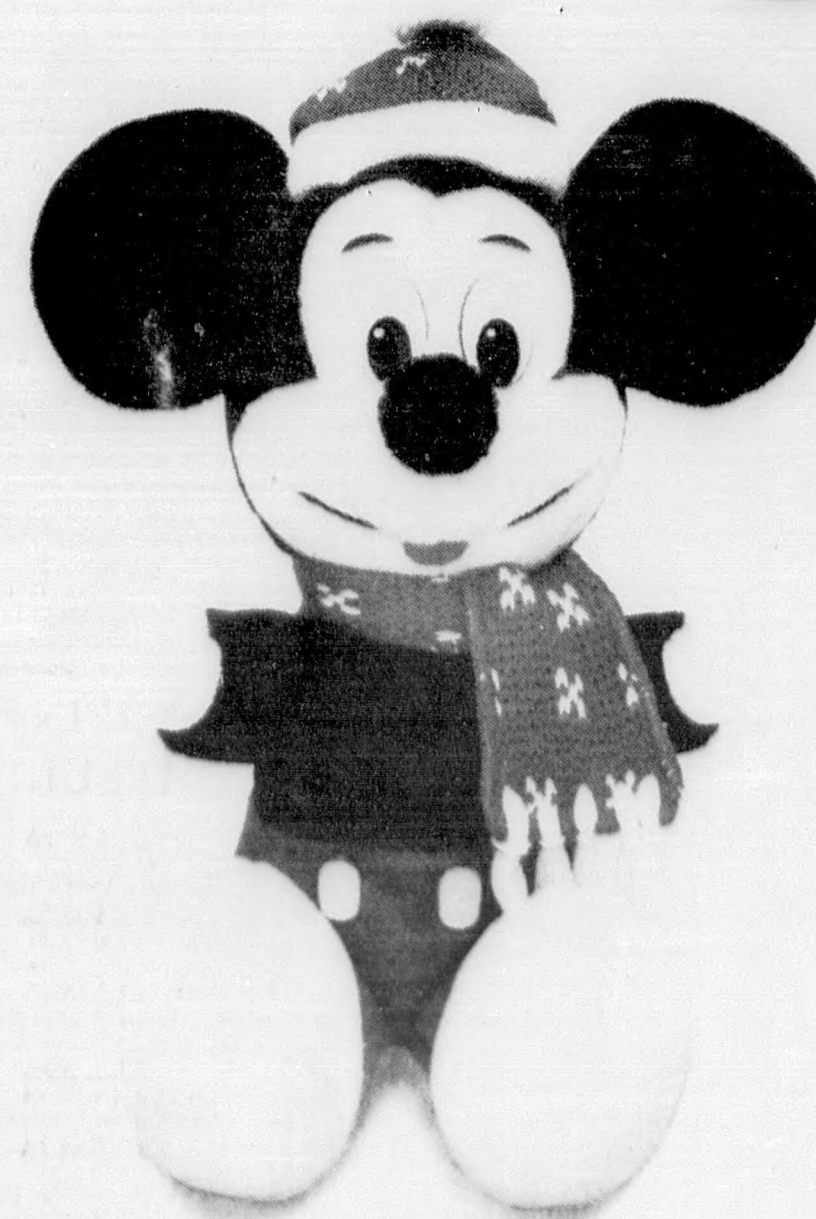


THE CATCH! Elba's Josh Caldwell (82) goes over an Ashville defender to grab a pass during fourth quarter action in the Tigers 21-14 win over Ashville. The catch came on third down at 14 and gave the Tigers a first down to keep what turned out to be the winning drive alive.



SACK! Elba's Julius Peterson (79) sacks the Ashville quarterback for a big loss. The Tigers sacked the Bulldog quarterback five times in the 21-14 win in state semifinal action.

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Jake Stokes Of Elba Named District DAR Winner

Each year an outstanding senior is selected by faculty members and fellow students as the DAR Good Citizen for each of the five high schools in Coffee County. The program is sponsored by the John Coffee Daughters of the American Revolution. Because of the criteria for selection, those chosen represent their schools as a recognized leader in school and community as well as excellence and academically.

Each of these students is then judged on criteria provided by the DAR, by non DAR member judges and the single most outstanding student is selected. This year the County winner is Jake Stokes of Elba. He has also won in District 7, which will make him eligible to compete at the state level and for numerous scholarships. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. David L. Stokes of Elba. He is an Eagle Scout, Captain Honors Scholar, listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, an awards winner in Science and Math Tournaments, a member of Beta Club, VICA, FBLA, Spanish Club & FFA. He is a member of the First Baptist Church and has a GPA of 94.94 which places him fourth in a class of ninety-one.

Earl Garth is the Enterprise High winner. Earl is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Garth of Enterprise. He is a peer counselor, plays Varsity football, baseball and basketball, and is a member of the Anchor and Stern Club. Earl is an active member of his church where he is a junior usher.

Kinston High School is represented by Wendi Hataway. Wendi is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Hataway. She is a member of Beta Club, FBLA, Bible Club, Spanish Club & FFA. She is secretary of the SGA and statistician for Kinston

football and basketball. Wendi is a member of the Kinston United Methodist Church where she is active in the youth program and serves on the

Pastor Parish Relations Committee. Brent Spicer is the New Brockton High School Good Citizen. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Spencer of

New Brockton. Brent is a member of the Science and Spanish Clubs, Mu Alpha Theta, band, and chorus. He is a member of the Southeastern United States Band, TSU, Who's Who Among Young American High School Students and the National Honor Society, and he is active in Boy Scouts, a member of the Enterprise Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Church where he is active in preparing for further service as a church missionary.

Zion Chapel High School is represented by Nicole Pilcher. Nicole is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pilcher of New Brockton. She is a member of 4-H Club Livestock and Land Judging Teams, Band, FFA, Pop Club, Youth For Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Who's Who, Spanish Club, FBLA, newspaper & annual staffs, varsity cheerleader, active in SGA and winner of numerous beauty contests. Nicole is a member of the Elba First Baptist

Church where she is active in youth activities. These fine outstanding high school students were honored with a luncheon on December 5th by the members of the John Coffee Chapter DAR.

Elba Masonic Lodge #170 will host their annual Christmas Supper, for members and invited guests. The supper will be held Saturday, December 12, 1992 at 7:00 p.m. at the lodge.



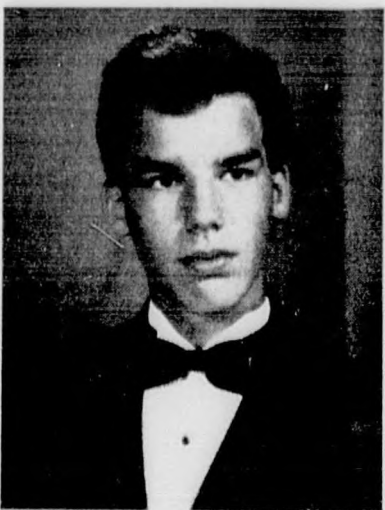
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Public Notice of Possible Impact to Important Land Resources

The US Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) is considering an application sponsored by the South Crenshaw County Water Authority. The specific elements of this proposed action include construction of approximately 144 miles of six (6) inch, and three (3) inch PVC water distribution mains to serve about 290 new customers in Coffee, Covington and Crenshaw Counties. It is also proposed to construct a 400 GPM water supply plant on an existing site in Section 14, T8N, R18E and a 300,000 gallon water storage tank on a 0.5 acre site in Section 19, T7N, R17E. The alternative well site will be the 0.5 acre water storage tank site.

If implemented, the proposed action would indirectly impact approximately 2500 acres of important farmland traversing along the proposed water distribution mains as described below:

COVINGTON COUNTY
Co. Hwy 63; Co. Hwy 27; Co. Hwy 37, from Crenshaw Co. line to Co. Hwy 27; dirt road connecting Co. Hwy 27, 63 and 37; and U. S. Hwy 29 from County Hwy 63 to Crenshaw Co. line.

COFFEE COUNTY
Co. Hwy 21 from Co. Hwy 3 to Pike Co. line; Co. Hwy 23 from intersection of Co. Hwy 35 North to Pike Co. line; dirt road running East off 23 in Section 6, T7N, R20E; dirt road running between Co. Hwy. 60 and Co. Hwy. 23; Co. Hwy. 50 from Al. Hwy. 141 and Co. Hwy. 11; dirt road running south along East line of Section 34, T6N, R20E; Co. Hwy 60 in W1/2 of Section 30, T7N, R20E and all of Co. Hwy. 19, Section 17, T6N, R20E.

CRENSHAW COUNTY
All streets and roads in community of Seawright lying in Sections 17, 18, and 19; dirt road off Co. Hwy. 77 running East in Section 32, T7N, R17E; Co. Hwy. 37 from Leon to Covington Co. line; Co. Hwy. 77 from Al. Hwy. 106 to Leon; Al. Hwy. 106 from intersection of Co. Hwy. 37 to Mills Chapel Road in Section 34, T8N, R16E; dirt road from Al. Hwy. 106 running North by Mills Chapel to Pleasant Home Church including all roads in Section 22 and 23, T8N, R16E; Indian Creek Church community including dirt roads in Sections 35 and 36, T8N, R16E; dirt roads in Section 31, T8N, R17E; dirt road off U.S. Hwy. 29 at Theba running NW thru sections 23, 25 and 26 T7N, R17E; Co. Hwy. 57 from Darien Church to north line of S1/2 of Section 24, T8N, R18E; Co. Hwy. 59 from intersection of Co. Hwy. 57 to Section 22, T9N, R18E; dirt road off Al. Hwy. 189 running NE thru sections 22 and 23, T7N, R18E and dirt road off U.S. Hwy. 29 to West line of Section 18, T7N, R17E.

Additionally, the proposed action would indirectly impact floodplain areas as follows:

CRENSHAW COUNTY
Creek Crossing/Sina Creek-Section 19, T6N, R17E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Gin House Creek-Section 13, T7N, R16E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Patsaliga Creek-Sections 1 & 12, T7N, R16E (0.4 miles)
Creek Crossing/East Bradley Branch-Section 31, T8N R17E (0.1 mile)

COVINGTON COUNTY
Creek Crossing/Big Creek - Section 24, T6N, R16E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Sims Mill Creek-Section 23, T6N, R16E (0.1 mile)

COFFEE COUNTY
Creek Crossing/McCollough Branch-Section 30, T7N, R20E (0.1 mile)
Creek Crossing/Bluff & Stinking Creek-Section 19, T7N, R20E (0.7 mile)
Creek Crossing/Sweetwater Creek-Section 16, T7N, R20E (0.3 mile)

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this possible result and to request comments concerning (1) the impacts of the proposed action on important farmland and floodplain, (2) alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and (3) methods that could be used to reduce these impacts. As one possible mitigation measure, it is being considered to restrict service in the areas identified as important farmland and floodplain to existing residences and structures.

The proposed action is available for review at the following FmHA office: 474 South Court Street, Aronov Building, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Any person interested in commenting on the proposed action may do so by sending such comments within 30 days following the date of this publication to FmHA, at the above address.

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ELBA CHEERLEADERS LEAH CROWE (left) AND HEATHER STINSON (right) HOLD THE BANNER THAT SAYS IT ALL - WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!!

DANIEL STEPHENS APPOINTED TO ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Clouds of controversy still loom over Elba's City Hall

by Ferrin Cox
Publisher

The Elba City Council met Monday night. They paid bills, gave employees reason for Christmas cheer, made a school board appointment, struck a deal with the Chamber of Commerce, heaped praise on football team, and approved refinancing of a bond issue to get lower interest.

They also heard a complaint from a citizen about his neighbor's cats.

The council accepted bids on buying computers for the new library.

There were some special visitors at the meeting. Mrs. Beth DuBois and a group of her 3rd graders are studying government and attended the meeting to see government in action.

All was not lovely however, as council member Ronnie Jirright had some questions go unanswered and a motion go unpassed.

The council approved bills totaling \$20,507.52 plus paying a medical bill of a part-time police officer hurt during training.

Police Chief Freddie Hanchey reported receiving 273 complaints during the past three weeks. The department responded to four traffic accidents, issued nine traffic citations, including one for DUI. There were 11 criminal arrests during the same period.

The animal control officer picked up 34 dogs and one was sold.

The council approved refinancing a 1985 bond issue cutting interest from rates as high as 9% down to a fixed rate of 5%.

City employees were given a traditional Christmas one-time pay raise. Full time employees will get \$30 and part time employees, working 20 hours or more, will get \$25.

Mayor Ricky Haywood recommended appointing Daniel Stephens to the school board replacing Attorney Garth Lindsey, who had mailed a letter of resignation earlier. The recommendation was approved without discussion.

Bids for computers to serve the new library were approved. CP & R of Enterprise was low bidder at \$7,609.95. These will be paid for with FEMA flood funds.

The council renewed a contract with the Chamber of Commerce for public relations work. The amount of money was increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000 annually.

Council member John W. Sharpless made a motion recognizing the achievement of the Elba football team, cheerleaders and band. The council voted to prepare a resolution commending them. They asked the mayor to personally present this resolution.

The council meeting had moved along smoothly until the very end when Mr. Jirright asked some tough questions he said had come from the people in his district.

A request he made last month for a cash flow balance was repeated because it was not available for council members as promised.

The cost of living raise for city employees was his next question. Jirright said he wanted to know why they hadn't gotten the raise approved in the budget. It was noted that additional money had been added for salaries, but no action has yet been taken authorizing any raises.

Jirright then said the administration has been in office for two months, has hired six people and transferred three. He estimates this has cost \$50,000. He then added in the cost of Mr. Clark, the assistant mayor (operations officer) and estimated it was costing an additional \$100,000 a year in salaries alone.

"Things in Elba are in a mess," Jirright said.

Mayor Ricky Haywood then announced he had visited the Alabama Attorney General today (Monday) and he had recommended the city get a declaratory judgment from a judge on just who can hire and fire.

Haywood later explained he had met and talked with a Mr. Solomon in the Attorney General's office.

Jirright referred to a manual published by the Alabama League of Municipalities and said the guidelines were in that book.

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Elba's W&E Board continues to deal with personnel problems

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Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board agenda looked to be the casual observer like things would be calm, but it was misleading.

Tabling of three items on the agenda prevented some arguments but not all.

The first problem arose when Board member Earl McCollough began questioning \$25,386.00 in monthly bills. When he was told of three items exceeding \$16,000, he zeroed in on the balance.

Chairman Mickey Murdock delayed asking approval of the bills while McCollough reviewed a stack of monthly bills. At the end of the meeting, he was promised a detailed breakdown the next day and the bills were approved for payment.

The board approved three people to have check signing privileges. This went smoothly even though there had been some debate by Superintendent Ricky Haywood several weeks ago concerning Murdock's right or lack thereof to sign checks.

Murdock appointed the same three member committee to review the personnel policy as appointed by Haywood on the City side. They are: Haywood, Henry Clark and Earl McCollough.

The agenda called for a review of the George Homayk matter. This is an employee of the W & E who was laid off and then hired on the City side at a reduced salary.

He and his lawyer are asking for reinstatement and/or back pay.

Haywood announced he had sent a copy of Homayk's personnel file to the city's errors and omissions insurance carrier, hoping for their help.

The board tabled any action until a response was received.

Another personnel matter dealt with Bennie Walker. Board members were told this was a Work Release employee who was released by former Mayor Fred Moore.

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Burns questions commission on employee classification plan that it recently adopted

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

Discussion concerning the county's recent adoption of a classification plan for county employees consumed the majority of Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission.

Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns once again voiced his opposition to the plan as he did on September 28 when the commission adopted it.

Burns stated that he felt the plan was grossly unfair to the employees and his department. He stated that under the present plan "we cannot keep decent and competent help under the pay schedule that you have put us under."

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